The legislative career of Shri Gupta started with the membership of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, where he was a Member three times. He was also Speaker of that State Assembly. He served as Minister in the Government of Haryana for several years and had the distinction of serving as Chief Minister of that State twice. Shri Gupta represented the State of Haryana in this House from April, 1996 to April, 2002.

In the passing away of Shri Gupta, the country has lost an able Parliamentarian, an efficient Administrator and a dedicated social worker.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Ashis Sen and Shri Banarsi Das Gupta.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

MR.CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Unemployment in textile sector due to appreciation of rupee against dollar

*301. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:††

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry about 6 lakh people will be rendered jobless due to adverse effect of appreciation of rupee against dollar on exports;

(b) if so, how many people directly associated with textile trade are likely to be affected;

(c) whether Government have envisaged any plan to see that such huge labour force engaged in direct and indirect textile trade is not adversely affected; and

(d) if so, among those affected labour, how many are associated with handloom business in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (b) The Report of the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) indicates that stagnation of exports in 2007-08 due to unprecedented appreciation

†† The question was actually asked on teh floor of the House by SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN.

of rupee will lead to a loss of around 5.79 lakh potential new jobs. The loss in direct employment in the textiles and clothing industry will be to the tune of 2.72 lakh.

(c) The Report of the CITI has not quantified the existing job loss. However, the Government has taken following steps to mitigate the deceleration of exports on account of Rupee appreciation:

(i) Rate of refunds for textiles export products under Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) Scheme of Duty drawback has been increased;

(ii) Immediate refund of terminal Excise Duty has been ordered;

(iii) Concessional export credit with extended periodical coverage;

(iv) Refund of Service Tax to be notified.

(d) The handloom trade industry has not represented about unemployment in the sector due to Rupee appreciation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No.301. ...*(Interruptions)*... Question No.301. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Mahendra Mohan. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Mahendra Mohan. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: चेयरमैन सर, नेता विपक्ष कुछ कहना चाहते हैं ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, सबसे पहले उन्हें समय दिया जाए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: धन्यवाद सर, मैं आपका आभारी हूं कि जब से आप सभापति बने हैं, पहली बार आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया है ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री सभापति: श्री महेन्द्र मोहन।

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सर, इतने शोर में मैं कैसे बोल सकता हूं ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please proceed ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, जब भी नेता विपक्ष खड़े होते हैं, सबसे पहले उन्हें समय दिया जाता है ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, नेता विपक्ष कुछ कहना चाहते हैं, उन्होंने आपको नोटिस भी दिया है ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सर, मैं आपका आभार प्रकट करता हूं कि आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया है ...**(व्यवधान)**... माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने यह कहा है टैक्सटाइल के अंदर एक्सपोर्ट्स में जो कमी आ रही है, जिसके कारण लगभग 6 लाख लोग बेरोज़गार हो जाएंगे ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour has prority of its own. ...*(Interruptions)*... Question Hour has priority of its own, the Member is on his feet, therefore, let him put his question.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: चेयरमैन सर, नेता विपक्ष खड़े हैं और जब नेता विपक्ष खड़े होते हैं तो चेयरमैन सबसे पहले उनकी बात सुनते हैं ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, आप नेता विपक्ष की बात सुनिए, उसके बाद फैसला करिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, we want JPC. ...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. V. MAITREYAN: Sir, we want JPC ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि अगर समय रहते उन्होंने उचित कदम नहीं उठाया तो टैक्टाइल इंडस्ट्री को भारी नुकसान होगा ...**(व्यवधान)**... इससे हमारा जो भी ...**(व्यवधान)**... जो लगभग 300 मिलियन डॉलर है ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let the Question Hour proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: जो 545 मिलियन डॉलर था ...**(व्यवधान)**... इससे हमारे औद्योगिक इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर ...**(व्यवधान)**... वह इसकी व्यवस्था कैसे कर पाएंगे ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, नेता विपक्ष मैम्बर नहीं हैं, वह एक इंस्टीट्यूशन है ...**(व्यवधान)**... नेता विपक्ष एक संस्था होते हैं ...**(व्यवधान)**... आप एक बार उनको सुनिए, फिर फैसला करिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would request the hon. Members to go back to their seats ...*(Interruptions)*... प्लीज, आप लोग अपनी-अपनी जगह पर वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please take your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down ...*(Interruptions)*... आप अपनी जगह पर वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप प्लीज़ वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q. No. 301. ...*(Interruptions)* Please answer the question. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN: Sir ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सभापति महोदय ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, वस्त्र मंत्री से ...**(व्यवधान)**... लागू करेंगे? ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सर, कुछ सुनायी नहीं दे रहा है। ...**(व्यवधान)**... Sir, I have not been able to hear what the hon. Minister has said ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go to your seats...*(Interruptions)*... Please go to your places...*(Interruptions)*...Please go back to your seats...*(Interruptions)*...

Amount sanctioned for advertisements through DAVP

*302. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned by the Ministry for release of advertisements through DAVP in newspapers in all languages in the last two years, the language-wise break-up thereof; and